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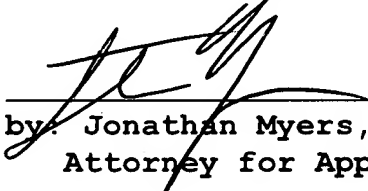
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CONFIRMATION OF PASSAGE TO ISSUE

This confirms a telephone conference held 25 April 2007  
between Examiner Steadman and the below-identified attorney.

The case is now in condition for passage to issue.

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